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# PLANS TO EDUCATE IS RENOMINATED AS MEMBER OF I. WHOLE COUNTRY TO

Representative Organizations of Washington to Lay the Facts Before the People of the Country.

Nation-Wide Publicity to Be Given That Fullest Knowledge of Affairs Here May Be Learned by All.

### By GEORGE H. GALL.

Anxious only to get the facts about the District of Columbia before Congress and before the whole people ULL of the country, in order that unjust and destructive legislation may be prevented and that just and constructive legislation may be promoted, the people of Washington through their various representative President Sends Name to Senorganizations, are today continuing to prosecute their plans, in spite of attacks made upon them by a few members of Congress.

One of the first undertakings of the joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, and the Retail Merchants' Associa-

the Federal Government from 1871 to January 1. Some opposition to the nom1872, Including the Origin, Development, and Justice of the Organic Act
of June 11, 1878; Its Adequacy, Permanency, and Inviolability." As the recy, and Inviolability." As the ret was submitted, it contained 115
thed pages of text, and deals exstively and authoritatively with the nency, and Inviolability." As the rehaustively and authoritatively with the merce law. enactment of the act creating the present form of Government of the District.

To put this report in more concise form, so that members of Congress may more easily become familiar with its ontents, is believed by the committee to be an important duty confronting the members and one entalling much abor and time, in order that it may be ready by the time the District measesentatives after the holidays.

There are radicals in the District of Columbia who would go into the Congressional districts or unfriendly memers of Congress and try to prevent their re-election, believing by so doing that that is the only way in which unfair attacks upon the people of Wash-ington can be combated, but to show that this program is not in contemplation by any of the three organiza-rions represented by the joint commit-tes, an extract from the introduction He will depart late tonight for Pass to the report which the committee de- Christian, accompanied by Mrs. Wilsires to abridge for the information son his daughters, Misses Margaret of Congress is pointed to.

grees who oppose the half-and-half Secret Service men and correspondents.

All these gentlemen are men of sincere and strong convictions, as are others who share their views upon this subject, and they have not hastily reached their conclusions. They are the official representatives of the District of Coumbia on the floor of the House, and aided by that fact, and guided, as they unquestionably are, in all their utterances and efforts by a high sense of duty to the entire country, under the responsibility of their oath of office, they constitute today the gree est menace to the integrity of the half-and-half plan that has existed since the passage of the organic act.

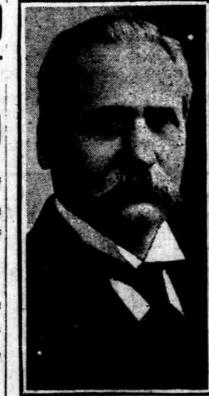
has existed since the passage of the organic act.

"But formidable as this array of forces may be, and threatening as they really are to the business interests and growth and prosperity of the National Capital, your committee believes, nevertheless, that the opinions of these gentlemen are based upon a misconception of the law and lack of knowledge of all the facts and conditions which led up to its enactment, and, therefore, hope that a proper presentation of the case will so appeal to their reason and sense of justice as to induce them to reconsider and change their views.

"There are, also, in this Congress—as in every Congress—many new Representatives who have formed unfavorable and erroneous opinions upon the financial relations between the United States and the District of Columbia hastily and without therough investigation or complete understanding of the subject, who it is believed can be wen over to the District view of the case by a well-

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### AS MEMBER OF I. C. C.



JUDSON C. CLEMENTS.

ate as Member of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Clements, to be Interstate Commerce tion, discussed at length at a meet- ation, which is expected, Judge Clements will begin January I, his fifth

## **BEGIN HIS VACATION**

ures are reached by the House of Rep- Will Take Anti-Trust Data to Pass Christian to Prepare Special Message.

Immediately after signing the curson his daughters, Misses Margaret and Eleanor; Miss Bones, Dr. Cary T. tirely Referring to certain members of Con- Grayson, his physician, and a corps of crict method of appropriations for the District, the Municipal Finance Committee says in this extract:

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Secret Service men and correspondents. The party will travel as a special section of a regular train departing on the Southern railway about 10:30 o'clock.

The President also will have with him his stenographers Charles Swem, and a pile of data concerning anti-trust decisions of the Supreme Court. He expenses. Confingent expenses. Congressman Page, in charge of the District appropriation bill, conceded the point of order. Some legislative provision to continue the bathing beach will be made before the bill is enacted.

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The last of the Cabinet meetings before the President departs was held at the Executive Offices this morning. It is understood that the President, in a general way, mapped out his ideas regeneral way, mapped out his ideas re-garding trust legislation, and also asked the members to keep him advised of any big problems which might come up before their departments.

### Preachers Ask Low Rates on Railroads

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.-The it today a petition from 1,700 preachers n Pennaylvania asking restoration of the cierical rate on the railroads, which is half of full fare. Under the new law the cierical rate is discriminatory and must be abolished, it was recently declared.

### Fishermen Narrowly **Escape Drownings**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Twenty-five District view of the case by a well-considered campaign of education."

Stand Is Misconstrued.

Thus, it is explained, it is the burden of the representative committee above all things to do whatver is in its power to correct misunderstandings and misconstrued on Fifth Page.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Twenty-five Hoboken Tishermen and eight sailors had narrow escapes from drowning to-day when the fishing schooner Seneca was rammed and sunk, just after she lard. The crew worked valiantly to save the frightened fishermen and the captain, the last to leave, got away just as the schooner want down.

# APPROPRIATIONS

House Meets to See Currency Measure Signed.

Members Meet Late and Pre- Cities in Every Section Look for pare to Depart for Home on Night Trains.

Hope of passing the District of Columbia appropriation bill before the holidays was abandoned today in the House and that body, which convened at 2:30 o'clock, had before it only the desire of seeing the currency bill signed by the Speakerand the getaway. The District bill is but half read and there is pending, for later decision, a number of important provisions, including the legislative rider to prohibit collections

Bill Only Half Read. Congressman Page, chairman of the littee in charge of the District

midnight for passing the bill before Christmas. Mr. Mann said there was no hope of getting the bill through, sequently the House met late today and for the sole purpose of wit-nessing the signature o fthe Adminisration currency bill. Outgoing trains tonight will carry tired members to their homes for Christmas.

ably will be to make an abridgment of the extensive and exhaustive response of the municipal finance committee of the municipal finance committee of the Board of Trade, drawn and submitted by Col. George Truesdell, chairman, and unanimously adopted by the organization January 1, his miner employes. Judge Clements was first appointed as possible of Martin Bragg, deceased. He was a first appointed by Col. Finances.

The report is entitled "Financial Relations of the District of Columbia and the Federal Government from 1871 to the first and the

School Clause Amended. Mr. Page finally offered as a substi-

tute the following language:

"No part of any money appropriated by this act shall be paid to any person employed under or in connection with the public schools of the District of Columbia who shall solicit or receive, or permit to be solicited or receive, or permit to be solicited or received on any public school premises, any subscription or donation of money or other things of value, from pupils enrolled in such public schools for presentation of testimonials, or for any other purposes other than for the promotion of school athletics and commencement exercises of high schools, or for school gardens."

Mr. Willis reserved a point of order against even this language, and the tute the following language:

against even this language, and the saue was pending when the House laid aside the District bill for the right.

As published in the 5:30 edition of The Times Monday, an amendment by Mr. Sisson to change the name of the Avenue of the Presidents to Sixteenth street, its old name, was adopted. The Borland amendment to tax abutting property owners for the cost of street construction.

construction on all streets not more than forty feet in width also was No Fund For Beaches.

Congressman Ben Johnson knocked out the entire appropriation for the bathing beach on the ground that there is a law providing that bathing beach expenditures shall be taken en-tirely from the revenues of the Dis-rict of Columbia. The item amounts to \$4,830, and carries the salaries of by the Sisson amendment framed to prevent teachers from receiving longerity purpose of getting acquirers of the pay if their basic salaries amounted to more than fl.196. After three quarters of an hour of debate, the House turned down the Mississippi member's proposition, and teachers' salaries remain in tion, and teachers' salaries remain i the House bill, as they are at present.

### Brand Whitlock Loses Father by Pneumonia

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23 .- The "Rev. Elias D. Whitlock, seventy, father of Toledo's famous mayor, who recently was nominated to be minister to Belpneumonia two weeks ago, while visiting here.

### Girls Are Heroines

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-Tying wet hand kerchiefs over their faces fifty girl operators in the Harrison telephone exchange early today stuck to their posts and answered calls while firemen fought a dangerous blaze on the ground floor. The fire was extinguished with a loss of

to Dance Tonight, Arcade Auditorium.

Only Half Read When Legislators Regard Washington as Fitting Site for Center of Distribution.

DEBATE ON SCHOOL CLAUSE SPIRITED CONTEST, IS ON

Designation by Board Organizing System.

Washington is likely to be the location of one of the regional reserve banks under the new currency bill. Not only will Washington be the head and front of the new banking system, in the sense that control over it will be exercised from here by the Federal reserve board, but there is serious consideration of making it something more. The men who are on the inside in the making up of the new Federal reserve disfor any purpose among school chil-tricts are giving much thought to Washington as the best location for a great regional bank. Such a bank would serve tributary' territory budget, practically abandoned plans at reaching from Maryland and Virginia far to the South.

> Accessibility Big Factor. The fact that Washington has excel-lent railroad facilities, and that it is early reached from many parts of the South is a big factor in the situation. ngton a regional banking center, the

But the new Federal reserve board and the organization committee, if they live up to expectations, will consider the boundaries of the new districts absolutely without reference to politics and simply from the standpoint of what is best for the country. This seems to insure fair consideration of Washington's merits as a regional reserve banking point.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 23.—Millions of dollars in American interests are menaced at Torreon by the reopening of the warfare around that city between the federals and constitutional its for the fourth time in three years.

nside political and financial circles today simultaneous with the enactment itself of the new currency measure.

The bill makes possible the organization of from eight to twelve Federal reserve districts, each district to con (Continued on Fifth Page.)

### THAW HALED BEFORE SANITY COMMISSION

Custodian Called as Witness at Secret Session of Experts.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec, 22.-Harry K. Thaw was called before a special secret meeting of the sanity commission appointed by Judge Aldrich, of the Fedwhether admission of the fugitive to bail would be a menace to the community, held at the residence of Frank S. Streeter at noon today.

No intimation of the purpose of the meeting was given out by the members of the commission. As Thaw left his hotel with Sheriff Drew and Officer Stevens he stated he was going for the purpose of getting acquainted with several members of the commission whom he did not know. Drew was also summoned as a witness.

### Navy Yard Men Get

A half holiday to the 3,000 employes of the Washington Navy Yard will be granted Christmas Eve and New Year Eve as a result of an executive order issued by the President today.

Employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and other divisions of the Treasury operating with the bureau will have a full day holiday tomorrow, in lieu of two half days one before Christmas and one before New Year.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield has created a precedent in giving in addition a Saturday half-holiday during the Yule-tide season.

The work is now day in control of the city all of the peon cotton pickers and field workers in the vicinity of Torreon has been in progress for several days, but the casualties have been light, as the rebeis have made no attempt to the rebeis have made no tide season.

Today is pay day in practically all forcing the citizens to arm and fight with the federals.

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### REBEL HORDES LAY SIEGE TO TORREON FOR FOURTH TIME



The Small "Stove-pipe" Class In Front Are Dynamite Guns. With These the Federals Expected To Exterminate the Constitutionalist Army, But After a Few of Them Had Exploded and Killed and Maimed a Few Hundred of . Their Own Men It Was DecidedTo Give Them Up and Stick to the Old Style Field Artillery and Rapid-fire

Millions of Dollars' Worth of American Property Is Menaced by Battle.

Federals Driven Back From Outskirts of Town and Are Unable to Get Food.

What cities will get the regional re- with the exception of Mexico City itserve banks? This is the big financial self, than will be the case at Torreon suestion which is being discussed in if the battle which is already raging in the suburbs is taken into the city

> Torreon in addition to being a center of the smelting industry is also the headquarters of practically the entire cotton growing business of the repub-lic nine-tenths of which in the rich district known as Laguna, is controlled In the city of Torreon are many great warehouses for the storage of cotton

> and also for the storage of juayule, the productive rubber substitute, a large portion of which interest is also owned by American companies.

Americans Have Fled.

Torreon normally has an American population of about 2,000. Few of these are left in the city at this time, but the exodus previous to the last battle in that vicinity was made so precipitately that there was little chance to ship or carry away any of the property. On each occasion when the revolutionary battles have been fought in and about Torreon, great damage has been done to the city and it has also become famous in the warfare by having been the scene in 1911 during the Madero

Half-Day Tomorrow eral chances for reinforceing the gar-

motorists Unhurt by Crash.

G. W. Huff and his companions, Fred Ayers, Dan Ayers and J. B. Timms, of Purcellyille, Va., today are feeling no ill effects from their automobile accident Monday afternoon. Huff's car skidded into a street car at Thirty-second and M streets, breaking an axle of the machine and smashing the street car fender. Both the automobile and the ear were running close together and the wet pavement caused the machine to arm and fight with the federals.

Rebels say the siege of Torreon will be maintained until General Villa can reach there with h's main army, when the city will be taken, and that should the federal garrison give battle again it is so completely hemmed in that for Torreon.

Advices to Juarez say that Monterey is also to be attacked by rebels. The railway between the border and Monter-allway between the border and mont

### TWO LITTLE BOYS MISSING 24 HOURS FOUND IN COUNTRY

Arthur and Francis Smith, Aged 9 and 7 Years Respectively, Had Gone in Search of Christmas Tree Near Laurel, While Parents and Entire Police Force Hunted for Them.

mysteriously disappeared from their home, 907 Allison street, Petworth, Arthur Smith, nine years old, and his brother, Francis, aged seven, were found at 10 o'clock this morning, sitting by the roadside on the Washington and Baltimore pike, about five work up this morning. They were a mighty hungry pair of little boys, so they decided to walk until they came took them before they came to the farmhouse, and when Beall found them were sitting by the roadside and were "all in." miles this side of Laurel.

Suffering from cold to which they had been exposed all night, having selpt on the hard, wooden benches in one of the shed-like stations of the electric line, and wet from the drizzling rain, the children were found by Clar ence Beall, a salesman for the Laure Furniture Company, who was driving

Took Them To Laurel.

Seeing the little boys were in trouble, Beall stopped, and after hearing their story, took them to Laurel, where they were given dry clothing and a good meal, the first food they had had since breakfast, Monday. While they were eating their father, Arthur Smith, was notified by telephone. He directed that

With Percy S. Grady, who spent With Percy S. Grady, who spent the night with Smith searching the city for the missing children, the father met them when they got off the car at Fifteenth and G streets northwest.

Arthur and Francis, according to their story, left home Monday morning to get a Christmas tree. Sunday they had spent most of the day in the woods not far from their home looking for a Christmas tree without suc-

In a few moments darkness overtook them. They were hungry and tired from the day in the woods. Too sleepy to go any further, the brothers went into one of the dilapidated little sta-

# JAPANESE MISSION

Diplomats and Marines From Battleship Idzumo Visit Dictator's Capital.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 2.-Japanese liplomatic officials and a detachment of Japanese marines were expected to arrive in the capital today from the dropped anchor at Manzanillo, on the west coast, late yesterday The Jap-anese ambassador prepared a big recep-tion for his compatriots, and arranged for them to be received by General Hu-

continued today.

Asked today if the Huerta government planned to send a messenger to Emiliano Zapata demanding his surrender, General Blanquet, minister of war,

went and the rebels also control the lines to the north, pratically cutting of fed eral chances for reinforceing the garrison.

The boys said they went out Monday morning looking for a Christmas tree, but failed to find what they wanted has been in progress for several days, be seen in progress for several days, be federals back for the casualties have been light, as the collection of the control of the cont

### City Christmas Tree

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 22.-Standing

clares That Exhibit Ha Nothing Lewd in It—Police Censors Overruled

ided moving picture drams, held ur by the Washington police for two tions of the Police Board of Ca Belasco Theater during the reing part of the week, and so for

by the Board of District Co

"At your request. I last night ed the presentation of the moliture exhibit at the Belasco, know the Traffic in Souls." The Traffic in Souls."

"These pictures portray, in a very striking manner, the methods which are supposed to be used in the white slave traffic. So far as the pictures themselves are concerned, I could see in them nothing of suggestion, iswiness, lassiviousness, or vulgarity, or anything that was offensive to common the cency. The subject they attempt to por-tray is necessarily one in which human depravity on the part of these who include in this traffic is vividity shown, and also the helplessness of its unfortunate victims.

Shows the Passer

Shows the Danger.

"The evident intention of the preduction is to bring clearly the res and 300 Chinese, on account of which the Chinese government still has a heavy claim pending against the Mexican government.

Besieging the City.

Avices received here say that rebel forces composing the advance guard of the army which Villa is taking to the south have taken the suburbs of Torreon and are besieging the city tiself.

The towns of Gomez Palasco and Lerdo, four and seven miles distant, respectively, from Torreon, already are occupied by the rebel forces. Went After Tree.

And the Chinese, on account of which the Chinese government still has a heavy claim pending against the Mexican for the day in the woods not far from their home looking for them to be received by General Huerta. The arrival of the Japanese visitors was planned to be coincident with a big military and civil demonstration commencing at 9 a. m. today, to celebrate the saint's day of General Huerta. Federal troops, police, and students planned to be coincident with a big military and civil demonstration commencing at 9 a. m. today, to celebrate the saint's day of General Huerta. Federal troops, police, and students planned to be coincident with a big military and civil demonstration commencing at 9 a. m. today, to celebrate the saint's day of General Huerta. Federal troops, police, and students planned to be coincident with a big military and civil demonstration commencing at 9 a. m. today, to celebrate the saint's day of General Huerta. Federal troops, police, and students planned to be coincident with a big military and civil demonstration commencing at 9 a. m. today, to celebrate the saint's day of General Huerta. Federal troops, police, and students planned to be coincident with a big military and civil demonstration commencing at 9 a. m. today, to celebrate the saint's day of General Huerta. Federal troops, police, and students planned to be coincident with a big military and civil demonstration commencing at 9 a. m. today, to celebrate the saint's day of General Huerta. Federal troops, police, and students planned to be coincide

at 2:30. Final enactment of bill today

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